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UM LAW SCHOOL STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION
RECEIVES CLINICAL TRAINING GRANT

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The Law Student Division of the American Bar Association has for the second year in a row awarded a grant to the Student Bar Association at the University of Montana School of Law. The \$750 grant was given to finance the SBA's "Bridge-the-Gap" legal education program.

"Bridge-the-Gap", a program initiated at the UM Law School last year, won a national award from the Law Student Division for being the most outstanding SBA project. The primary goal of the Bridge-the-Gap program is to provide law students with a more detailed, practical exposure to law practice, in order to provide a link between the theoretical, academic study of law and day-to-day problems in practice.

The grant, with matching funds from the SBA and Law School Dean Robert E. Sullivan, will be used to sponsor a series of seminars on the practical aspects of such subjects as Pleadings and Practice, Client Interviewing, Real Estate Transactions and Court Procedures.

"Bridge-the-Gap" is part of a continuing effort at the law school to upgrade the clinical training programs supplementing the regular curriculum.

The LSD/ABA grant requires the SBA to submit progress reports throughout the year and a final report at the conclusion of the project, including a detailed financial statement explaining the use of all funds expended.

"The program will be run a little differently from last year," noted John Maynard, Billings, current SBA president. "There will be the same type of programs, but they will be more extensive. We will try to bridge the gap not only between the theoretical and practical aspects of the study of law, but also between the students and the bar."

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Montana attorneys who specialize in chosen areas will present panel discussions and provide students with manuals and outlines for the seminars. The seminars are also open to new attorneys who have recently been admitted to the bar. The next scheduled seminar will be held Friday, Nov. 18, at the UM Law School.

Assistant Dean of the Law School, Margery Brown, is the faculty adviser for the project.

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